(b) if so, what is the present status of this project?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) was set up in March 1988 as the national initiative for the Design and Development of High Performance Computing Systems and Technologies. C-DAC has operated in a mission mode since then, and has completed its First and Second Missions within the time and cost frames. C-DAC is presently pursuing its Third Mission which Started in January 1999 and is scheduled to be completed by June 2002.

PARAM series of Super Computers were developed and delivered based on parallel processing technology, namely, PARAM 8000, 8600, 9000, Open Frame, 10000 and 10000P. Thirty one systems have so far been supplied to various organisations in India and another 8 overseas.

In order to keep pace with fast changing technologies in this area, C-DAC, presently, has a focus on the development of Hardware, System Software and application software. This includes Systems Area Networks (SAN), programmable hardware libraries, use of commodity PC elements for scalable parallel super computing technologies, high performance communication sub-systems and storage systems and software for Scientific, Engineering, business and commercial applications.

Since the inception of C-DAC an amount of approximately Rs. 75 crores has been provided so far, as a budgetary support to C-DAC for development of High Performance Computing Technology and Applications (Super Computer Systems). In addition, C-DAC has invested Rs. 12.5 crores out of its revenue generation to augment the budgetary support for the developmental activities.

Demonstration by daily-wage and honorary employees

2351. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention was drawn to the demonstration staged by daily-wage and honorary employees in Hubli (Karnataka) to observe an Unfulfilled constitutional Rights Day on the 26th January, 2000;

(b) if so, whether Government are seized of the problems faced by unorganised daily-wage and other workers/including child labour; and

(c) the steps taken and proposed to be taken to secure their constitutional rights, including social security against exploitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Bonus for Employees of Organised Sector

2352. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI C. O. POULOSE:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether because the present upper ceiling on the payment of statutory bonus, more than 80% of the employees of the organised sector have been deprived of bonus last year;

(b) if not, exact number of employees who have been deprived of any bonus payment; and

(c) steps taken by Government to remove the upper ceilings for the payment of bonus to all the employees in view of the the repeated demand of Central Trade Unions on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) While because of increase in wages, some employees may have become ineligible to get the bonus, no specific information regarding number of employees who would have become ineligible is centrally maintained because the coverage under the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 is very vast and the Act. is mainly administered by the State Governments. Government is seized of the demand made by the Central Trade Union Organisation for removal of the upper ceiling for the purpose of payment of bonus.

Cases of Child Labour

2353. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases filed for violation of Child Labour Act, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any lacuna in the Act; and

(c) what steps Government want to take to strengthen the Act to protect the interest of the Child Laboures?